

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Rosary Dolores Ziliak
Sacristan Bernie Spindler
Gifts Annie & Marshall Obert
Lector Deann Gress
Servers Isaac Ivy, Alex Wilson
Greeters Judy Page, Mary McKinney
Cantor Kelly Obert
Money Counters Matt Obert
Kirk Peterson

Homebound EM Dennis Gress
Traveling Chalice Nick & Libby Ivy

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Rosary Lori Spindler
Sacristan Dennis Titzer
Gifts Kohlman Sterczer, Mavrix Obert
Lector Rena Schleter
Servers Audrey Spindler, Blakelee Obert
Greeters Nick & Libby Ivy
Cantor Sarah & Maci Spindler
Money Counters Dennis Gress
Holly Heichelbech

Homebound EM Terri Ziliak
Traveling Chalice Dennis & Deann Gress

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 7 - 5:30 p.m.

+ St. Bernard & St. John Parishes

Thursday, September 12

+ NO MASS

Saturday, September 14 - 5:30 p.m.

+ Herb Bethe

Stewardship of Treasure

September 1 Collection **\$2,267.00**
Needed for weekly budget \$1,820.96

YTD Collection \$19,871.00
Needed to meet budget \$16,388.64
YTD Variance **\$3,482.36**

Children's Collection \$8.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I hope that all of you had a safe and happy Labor Day weekend, and that it was restorative for you all. Let's also give thanks for those whose hard work keeps our lives going!

By now you're well aware that I love the stories and example and teaching of the saints! This week we celebrated another of my favorites on September 3, Pope St. Gregory I, aka Gregory the Great.

Gregory was born to a wealthy noble Roman family near the city of Rome in 540. To say that he lived in interesting times would be an understatement. When he was only two years old, the bubonic plague swept through Rome and surrounding Italy, killing a full third of the people. Not long after this, the Ostrogoth barbarians sacked and pillaged Rome, and the Lombards tried it again a few years later. All of this happened in his childhood.

As a relatively young man, he was appointed by the Emperor in Constantinople as the prefect, or the chief government official, in the old city of Rome, a post that he held with distinction until he chose to leave the world and become a monk and be ordained priest at age 35. This was apparently a desire of his for a while, and when his parents died and he inherited the family's vast properties, he had several monasteries built in Sicily and had his own family villa converted to the monastery that he himself lived in and founded.

When the pope died in 590, the clergy of the city of Rome unanimously acclaimed him as pope, which he very reluctantly accepted. He made it very clear that he much preferred to live the quiet prayerful life of a monk, but he embraced the office of Peter with great dedication. He was only pope for 15 years, but it was a time of great turmoil. There was a famine in the city of Rome, as well as another round of the plague, the day he took office. Things were so bad that the once glorious city had gone from a population of 1 million at its peak three centuries before to only 50,000. Also, the Lombards were back at the city gates for another round of burning and pillaging, and the local government had no means or power to even keep the roads maintained. Gregory was convinced that the end of the world and the second coming was right around the corner.

However, he persevered. He worked for many reforms of the Church, and used it's resources to help alleviate the sufferings of the poor and sick and hungry. It was under his reign that the Church began to rise to prominence in government as well, since it was far better at organizing things and providing for the common good and civil defense than the emperor a thousand miles away.

Gregory is credited with inventing and encouraging the use of Gregorian Chant in the Mass, and made several changes to the liturgy that still persist today. He also made sure the clergy were being solicitous of the needs of the poor and providing for their material and spiritual needs.

Gregory died around 605 in Rome, and was instantly acclaimed a saint. He was a great teacher, preacher, ruler, pastor, and provider for his people and the Church, seeing it through many challenges and dangers. Gregory the Great, patron of preachers, teachers, students, and musicians, pray for us!

In Christ the Shepherd, -Fr. Chris

ST. BERNARD PARISH NEWS

THERE WILL NOT BE MASS THIS THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12.

Parish Council

The Next **Parish Council Meeting** is Thursday, September 19 following the 6:00 pm Mass. August Parish Council minutes are available in the back of church.

Religious Education

Registration letters have been mailed out for religious education classes. The first class begins on October 2. Please call/text Rose Obert (812-664-7745) if you did not receive a registration letter or would like to sign up your children.

Altar Society Meeting

The next meeting will be this Wednesday, September 11 at 6:30 pm in the school hall.

Cemetery News

Additional plots on the east side of the cemetery have been added and are available for purchase. Please contact Nick Ivy (812-664-8693) if you would like to purchase a plot. Plots for members of the parish are \$750 each which includes the perpetual care fee. Also, the cemetery board will be working in the near future to fix headstones that are displaced/damaged in the cemetery. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Pumpkin Sales

We'll be selling pumpkins after Mass on the weekend of **Sept. 21 & 22**. Profits go to help cover expenses for youth events throughout the year. Cost is \$8 each (large sized pumpkins).

We will see everyone at the Chicken Dinner tomorrow. Thank you for helping!



*Welcome, Andy Hollis, our newest member of St. Bernard.
Andy's wife is Maegan and he has a newborn son, Jack.
Please help welcome him to St. Bernard!*

MAGNIFICATS

It is that time of year to place your order for the 2025 Magnificats. I will need your order for Magnificats no later than October 6. The price is the same as last year, **\$29.00** for a yearly subscription. **PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH.** Please sign up on the list in the back of church and give the money to Terri or put it in the collection basket. I cannot take orders after October 6!

Church Cleaning Teams for September

Jenny Fuhs, Terry Fuhs, Jan Schmitt, Andrea Blankenberger, Brenda Smith

Men's Team

Bob Fuhs' team

Upcoming Youth Events

Sept. 21 – MS Game Night
Sept. 21 & 22 – Pumpkin Fundraiser at all 4 parishes
Sept. 22 – HS RockLife
Sept. 29 – HS Diocesan Youth Day

HS Diocesan Youth Day

Sunday, Sept. 29 from 12:00-5:30pm at the Catholic Center in Evansville. Join Bishop Siegel, speaker Fr. Jonathan Meyer, musician Josh Goodman and a few hundred high school youth from around the Diocese for a great day. This event is totally free! We will have a cookout lunch, treats, music, several games available to play, as well as Eucharistic Adoration, Confessions and Mass with the Bishop. We have limited amount of spots on the mini bus. RSVP by texting Bryan (first come, first serve). We will meet at Sts. P&P at 11:15am and take the mini-bus to the Catholic Center. Return time is approximately 6:00pm. Waivers are due to parish offices (or submitted online Google form) by Mon., Sept. 16.

Pumpkin Sales

We'll be selling pumpkins after Masses at each parish (Holy Cross, St. Bernard, St. James, and Sts. Peter & Paul) on the weekend of **Sept. 21 & 22**. Profits go to help cover expenses for youth events throughout the year.

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MS Game Night

Come to Holy Cross on Sat., Sept. 21, immediately following our Pumpkin fundraiser after 4:30 Mass. We'll have outdoor games and a faith discussion. Enjoy pizza, snacks, drinks, and lots of fun!! Start time is 6 pm and we'll end at 9 pm. Bring a friend & waiver!

HS RockLife Nights

Our next RockLife is September 22nd. We'll meet in the youth room at Sts Peter & Paul from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. This will continue throughout the school year (usually twice a month). These nights focus on leading teens closer to Christ while meeting them where they're at. It helps youth get excited about their faith and more engaged! Not only will you find food for the soul, you'll also be served Sandy's Pizza!! Bring a friend and a waiver!

Any questions/concerns about youth events please contact Bryan Macke at 664-7992 or bmacke@evdio.org. Diocesan Event Waivers can be found in the back of each church or on our webpage at www.smgyouth.com



MASS SCHEDULE - ST. BERNARD

Saturday - 5:30 p.m.
Thursday - 6:00 p.m.

MASS SCHEDULE - ST. JOHN (DAYLIGHT)

Saturday - 4:00 p.m.
Sunday - 7:15 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday - 8:00 a.m.
Wednesday - 5:30 p.m.
Thursday - 8:00 a.m.
Friday - 9:00 a.m.



The month of September is in honor of Our Lady of Sorrows. This is a wonderful devotion to practice. Our Lady of Sorrows, Pray for us! Feast Day Sept. 15

Welcome to St. Bernard A Catholic Community Since 1877

5342 E. State Road 168
Fort Branch, IN 47648

Pastor: Fr. Chris Forler

Deacons: Vince Bernardin, Richard Leibundguth, Lonny Davis

Catechetical Leader: Rose Obert

Office Managers: Lori Spindler (lspindler@evdio.org)
Terri Ziliak (tziliak@evdio.org)

Maintenance: Jeff Meny (812-385-6861)

Parish Council President: Nick Ivy

Altar Society President: Jessica Anderson

School Hall Rental: Terri Ziliak/Lori Spindler

Table & Chair Rental: Jeff & Tammy Meny

Parish Website: stbernardsnakerun.org

Parish Office: 812-615-0201

Adoration: First Friday of each month 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Sacraments:

Reconciliation: Before Thursday evening Mass starting at 5:15 p.m.

Baptism: Must sign up for Baptismal Class. Call the parish office to make arrangements.

Marriage: Call the parish office at least six months in advance.

Sacrament of the Sick: Administered by appointment.



Our parish invites you to join our church family! All new parishioners can register by emailing lspindler@evdio.org or calling the parish office

Race for vocations

Join people of all ages from all communities on October 5 to "Race for Vocations." Sign up to run or walk the YMCA half marathon or 5-miler, and wear your Race for Vocations shirt to promote and support vocations in our diocese. Sign up on our Form to get updates about our Thursday evening Mass and dinner, and about the post-race tailgate for family and friends at Sts. Mary & John after. This event is co-sponsored by St. Benedict Cathedral and the Vocations Office. Find us on Facebook for information.

Knights of Columbus Weekly BINGO - Tuesday Evenings: Doors Open @ 6pm; First Game @ 7pm. 20 Regular Games - 6 Half Pot Special Games - One Lucky Number Game possibly worth \$1000 - Pull-Tabs, Snacks & Drinks available. **BRING A FRIEND!** PROCEEDS BENEFIT South Gibson Catholic Schools. *BINGO resumes on September 3rd @ KofC Hall, 117 S. Main St, Haubstadt, Ind*

Harvest Fest

St. James 2nd Annual Harvest Fest will be held at St James on Saturday, September 21. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Food, beer, wine and music by the Duke Boys. \$5.00 entrance fee. Lots of fun and entertainment.

PRAYER LIST

Kenny & Marcia Reising, Jim Lubbers, Ralph Elpers, Crystal Williamson, Julia Market, Frankie Rynkiewich, Dana Seninger, Doris Hagedorn, Mike Folsom, Ronnie Martin, Mary Lou Michel, Johnsie Michel, Ed & Sue Miskovic, Mary Lou Wolf, Greg & Rose Obert, Jeff Williamson, Cindy Knotts, Ed Nurrenbern, Phyllis Schmitts, Bret Weber, Larry Pflug, Don Phillips, Rita Hasenour, Jeff Hoffman

Please call Terri to add or remove someone 677-0511. Let us know when someone can come off.

Sunday, September 7, 2024 ~ 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time